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U.S. CONSULATE JEDDAH OFFICIAL VISITS UM AL-QURA UNIVERSITY

On January 22, 2006, a high-level U.S. Consulate General Jeddah official visited Um al-Qura University in Mecca, one of the largest universities in the Western region and a center of Islamic learning. U.S. Mission staff regularly communicate with and visit Saudi universities, including centers of Islamic learning like Um al-Qura, their faculty, and their students as part of American efforts to promote mutual understanding, cross-cultural exchange and study in the United States.

During the meeting, Um al-Qura University Rector, Dr. Nasser Abdullah el-Saleh, and members of the Um al-Qura faculty agreed on the importance of cross-cultural exchange and study in the U.S. as a means of continuing and further strengthening the relationship between the Saudi and American people. They discussed exchange programs and scholarship initiatives designed to assist Saudi faculty and students traveling to the United States on scholarships.

The U.S. Consulate General Jeddah official also met with Mecca Deputy Governor Abdullah Dawood al-Fayez to discuss cross-cultural exchanges and study programs, as well as issues of mutual interest to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United States.